

REMARKS

The subject of the present amendment was discussed between Examiner Roy Teller of Group Art Unit 1654 and the undersigned attorney in several telephone conversations and telephone messages before and after the Advisory Action of September 9, 2003 has issued. Examiner Teller indicated that in order to obtain allowance the term "covalent bond" should be changed to "covalent bonding" in Claims 11 and 26, and Claim 24 should be canceled. Applicant was given the option to incorporate the subject matter of canceled Claim 24 into a new claim (Claim 46) that is dependent on Claim 26.

All of these amendments suggested by the Examiner have been made in the present submission. Accordingly it is believed that with the present amendment all claims of this application are in *prima facie* allowable condition.

In a telephone message dated on or about September 24, 2003 Examiner Roy Teller indicated that in order to obtain prompt consideration this submission should be telefaxed to his telefax number 703 746 9213.

CORRECTION

In a further telephone message of the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that Claim 27 appears twice in the document submitted on September 29, 2003. Upon review of the printed and electronic file, the undersigned attorney noted that the foregoing was an inadvertent printing error, which is sincerely regretted. The present CORRECTED amendment is submitted to correct the foregoing error.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

In the event an Extension of Time is deemed necessary for the consideration and entry of this amendment, then applicant requests such extension for the number of months deemed necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for the Extension of Time to the undersigned attorney's **deposit account number 502362**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to the same deposit account number. These authorizations are also indicated on the attached transmittal form which is transmitted by telefax in duplicate.

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